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1. At Sluzewiec, south of Warsaw, there is a camp where former German war criminals are assembled after they have served their sentences. Their transportation to Sluzewiec is handled by the Polish and the East German Security Police, under the control of the Soviet MVD. From Sluzewiec they are eventually sent to East Germany.
2. The Germans who desire to return to West Germany are not permitted to do so immediately. To dissuade them from returning to West Germany, the Polish and East German Security Police attempt to convert these Germans to Communism but, according to informant, these tactics have not been successful.
3. Moreover, German war criminals, who originally came from what are now the Polish western provinces, are offered inducements to remain in Poland where "there is an abundance and choice of employment". Ex-officers in the group are told that they will be admitted into the Polish army after a short course of instruction and will receive a ~~one~~ rank grade higher in the Polish army than they had in the German army. If the Germans do not acquiesce, the Security Police resort to other tactics in order to persuade them: the Germans are punished without cause and sent from Sluzewiec to an unnamed camp in the Lublin area, where, it is calculated, a period of discipline will give them time to succumb to reason.

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